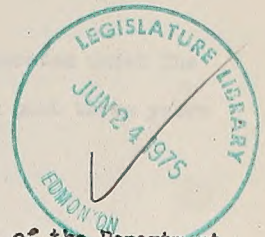


Edmonton, Alberta,
April 3rd, 1951

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The Honourable Clarence E. Cerhart, M.L.A.,
Provincial Secretary,
Edmonton, Alberta.



Dear Sir:

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Department of the Provincial Secretary for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1950, and the calendar year 1950, showing details of the various services rendered and statistics relating thereto.

<u>REVENUE</u>		<u>1949-1950</u>
Alberta Insurance Act:		
Agents' License Fees.....	\$	39,420.50
Companies License Fees.....		111,415.00
Amusements Act:		
Amusements Tax.....		644,732.09
Censorship Fees.....		37,555.00
License Fees.....		20,437.75
Moving Picture Operators' License Fees.....		4,007.60
Pari-mutuel Tax.....		128,637.77
Change of Name Act.....		2,060.00
Companies Act:		
Alberta Companies.....		74,693.04
Foreign Companies.....		32,152.94
Corporation Taxation Act:		
Miscellaneous Companies.....		25.00
Extracts, Searches, etc. (Companies Branch and General Office)		1,638.21
Fire Prevention Act.....		28,748.33
Fuel Oil Tax Act:		
Tax (less commissions).....		10,365,296.89
Profit on Sale of Fuel Oil Dye.....		4,948.06
Garagemen's Lien Act.....		799.45
King's Counsel Letters Patent.....		1,600.00
Lightning Rod Act:		
Licenses.....		1,140.73
Miscellaneous (Insurance).....		1,015.00
Miscellaneous Registrations (Companies).....		968.05
Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act.....		7,415.50
Trust Companies Act.....		110.00
Vehicles and Highway Traffic Act:		
Dealers' Plates.....		30,691.00
Drivers' Licenses.....		226,920.35
Miscellaneous Revenue.....		1,796.38
Owners' Certificates.....		2,224,057.08
Transfer Fees.....		13,396.00
TOTAL.....		14,005,682.72
REVENUE 1948-1949.....		11,620,414.51

GENERAL OFFICE

There were six (6) cemetery companies incorporated under The Cemetery Act during 1950. Comparative figures for the past three years are as follows:

<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>
3	3	6

Under The Change of Name Act two hundred and ten (210) Certificates were issued during 1950 as compared with one hundred and sixty-eight (168) during 1949.

Claims of lien filed under The Garagemen's Lien Act show a decided increase from two thousand eight hundred and sixty-one (2,861) in 1949 to four thousand and sixteen (4,016) during 1950.

During the year 1950 the administration of The Optometry Act, 1950, and The Drugless Practitioners Act, 1950, was assigned to the Department. A Board of Examiners to consider credentials of persons applying for a license to practise in this Province was appointed under each statute and licenses issued to all applicants who qualified for registration.

THE COMPANIES BRANCH

During the calendar year 1950 seven hundred and five (705) Certificates of Incorporation were issued under the Companies Act, and one hundred and sixty-seven (167) Certificates of Registration with respect to Foreign or Extra-Provincial Companies were issued under Part VIII of the Statute. Incorporations show a decided increase over previous years and registrations remain at a high level. If the present trend continues it is anticipated that incorporations and registrations

during the forthcoming year will surpass previous years by a considerable number. Every effort is being made to search out and register all Foreign or Extra-Provincial Companies pursuant to the requirements of the Companies Act.

The following comparative table shows the number of incorporations and registrations during the past three years:

	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>
Alberta Companies Incorporated	350	587	705
Foreign or Extra-Provincial Companies Registered	129	190	167
	<u>479</u>	<u>777</u>	<u>872</u>

Incorporations and registrations of Oil, Gas and Drilling Companies, which are included in the above figures were as follows:

	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>
Alberta Companies Incorporated	86	178	183
Foreign or Extra-Provincial Companies	70	120	69
	<u>156</u>	<u>298</u>	<u>252</u>

In addition to incorporations and registrations under The Companies Act Incorporation Certificates were also issued under the various other Statutes administered by the branch as set out in the comparative table following:

	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>
The Co-operative Associations Act, 1946	48	55	45
The Credit Union Act	9	15	4
The Religious Societies' Lands Act	22	25	25
The Societies Act	89	90	113

Under the Trust Companies Act, one (1) Certificate of Registration was issued.

THE AMUSEMENTS ACT

Amusements tax attendance increased during 1950. Admissions during the year totalled 15,474,317 as compared to 14,718,138. Amusements tax collected increased by \$40,227.06.

REVENUE and ADMISSIONS during the CALENDAR YEAR 1950

<u>CITY</u>	<u>REVENUE</u> <u>1950</u>	<u>ADMISSIONS</u> <u>1950</u>	<u>ADMISSIONS</u> <u>1949</u>
Calgary	\$ 198,124.25	4,180,029	3,817,264
Edmonton	216,505.41	4,583,737	4,335,525
Lethbridge	35,926.87	879,497	735,766
Medicine Hat	19,214.18	466,224	492,037
All Other Places	187,112.67	5,364,830	5,337,546
	<u>656,883.38</u>	<u>15,474,317</u>	<u>14,718,138</u>

PARI-MUTUEL TAX

HOT TAX COLLECTED ON PARI-MUTUEL BETTING

	<u>1950</u>	<u>1949</u>
Calgary	\$ 55,704.94	59,163.20
Edmonton	84,236.32	69,435.27
Other Places	130.51	39.30
	<u>\$ 140,071.77</u>	<u>128,637.77</u>

LICENSES ISSUED DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 1950

Entertainment Halls	847
Theatres	379
Film Exchanges	12
Itinerant Exhibitors	22
Travelling Shows (Including Carnivals).....	104
	<u>1,364</u>

INCREASES in LICENSES

Entertainment Halls	35
Theatres	40
Travelling Shows (Including Carnivals)	3

THEATRE INSPECTION BRANCH

This Branch has continued its aggressive policy of inspection of projection equipment, panic and fire prevention appliances throughout the Province.

Quarterly examinations were conducted in the districts required by regulations (Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat), for the various classes of projectionist certificates, also theatre and entertainment hall inspections were made by the examiner at these and intermediate points while in that territory.

Architectural drawings surveyed for new theatres and remodelled buildings recommended for license show a substantial increase over the previous years.

The following tables show details of blueprint surveys, licenses recommended, inspections, certificates issued and examinations held for the calendar year ended December 31st, 1950.

TABLE NO. 1 - THEATRE and HALL INSPECTIONS

Plans surveyed	63
New places recommended for license	63
Places inspected	150
Recommendations re wiring	149
Recommendations re fire precautions	128
Recommendations re exits	106
Recommendations re aisles	29
Recommendations re ventilation and sanitation	64

TABLE NO. 2 - PROJECTION ROOMS and PROJECTORS

Projection rooms inspected	116
Projectors inspected	236
Recommendations for repairs	158
Projectors condemned as defective	8
Recommendations re wiring	89
Recommendations re fire precautions	87
Recommendations re ventilation	39
Projection rooms condemned	4

TABLE NO. 3 - PROJECTIONISTS

	<u>Licenses Issued</u>	<u>Examinations Held</u>
First Class	113	4
Second Class	110	13
Third Class	133	37
Apprentice	69	---
Narrow Gauge	210	---
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TOTALS	635	54
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CENSORSHIP BRANCH

In the year ending December 31, 1950, the Censor Board reviewed 2,527 first print standard (35mm) film subjects, and 2,223 first print narrow gauge (16mm) films from Australia, the British Isles, Canada, the United States and the European Continent.

STANDARD FILMS

Standard film, made up in reels of approximately 1,000 feet, were screened as follows:

	<u>Films</u>	<u>Reels</u>
First Print	2,527	5,864
Free Print	-	-
	2,527	5,864
Second Print	1,311	3,711
	1,311	3,711
TOTAL	3,838	9,575

These were mainly feature or dramatic subjects and were dealt with in the following manner:

<u>Origin</u>	<u>Films</u>	<u>Reels</u>	<u>Elimin- ations</u>
Australia	1	8	
Canada	5	14	
Italy	8	32	2
United Kingdom	121	477	65
Associated United Kingdom	8	33	
Sweden	1	8	
United States	2,380	5,275	95
U.S.S.R.	2	12	
Yiddish	1	5	
	2,527	5,864	162

NARROW GAUGE 16mm

Narrow Gauge film is made up in reels averaging 400 feet and were accounted for as follows:

	<u>Films</u>	<u>Reels</u>
First Print	700	2,946
Free Print	<u>1,523</u>	<u>2,294</u>
	2,223	5,240
Second Print	<u>68</u>	<u>151</u>
TOTALS	<u>2,291</u>	<u>5,391</u>

These include educational, religious, medical, dramatic and advertising subjects which were dealt with in the following manner:

<u>Origin</u>	<u>Films</u>	<u>Reels</u>	<u>Eliminations</u>
Canada	4	7	
France	16	63	
Germany	1	8	
Poland	1	6	
United Kingdom	76	258	13
United States	2,124	4,891	15
U.S.S.R.	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>—</u>
TOTALS	<u>2,223</u>	<u>5,240</u>	<u>28</u>

35mm films viewed during the calendar year 1950 are broken down as follows:

First print features	442	Reels	3,537
" " shorts	508	"	635
" " news	308	"	309
" " serials	<u>84</u>	"	<u>198</u>
TOTALS	<u>1,342</u>		<u>4,679</u>

Second print features	305	Reels	2,669
" " shorts	160	"	196
" " news	<u>846</u>		<u>846</u>
TOTALS	<u>1,311</u>		<u>3,711</u>
Trailers	1,185		

The screening of all classes of first print standard (35mm) film during the year 1950 was 2,527 (5,864 reels), an increase of 243 (661 reels) as compared with 1949. Narrow gauge (16mm) first print film totalled 2,223 (5,240 reels) of which 700 (2,946 reels) together with 68 second print (151 reels) were classified as commercial and on which censorship fees were collected, a decrease of 391 over 1949.

The modern sound and projection equipment installed by the Department in 1950 gives the Censor Board perfect motion picture performance and appreciably increases the efficiency in the work required to be done by the Board.

THE MOTOR VEHICLE BRANCH

The work of this branch of the Department shows a very decided increase for the past several years. This is due, in a considerable measure, to the increase in automobiles operating in the Province and to additional work entailed in the administration of The Motor Vehicle Accident Indemnity Act.

Registrations again indicate a marked increase in automobiles operated in the Province. Registrations of motorcycles and drivers' licenses issued have also materially increased.

Motor vehicle accidents also show an increase which it would appear can be attributed in a large measure to an increase in the number of motor vehicles operating.

The uptrend in the number of convictions for infractions of The Vehicles and Highway Traffic Act and Section 285 of the Criminal Code of Canada still continues. Commencing February 15, 1949, the Department adopted a policy of publishing quarterly a Suspension Booklet. This Suspension Booklet is distributed to all police forces throughout the Province and to all Motor License Issuers in an endeavour to insure that persons whose driver's license have been suspended do not drive. The first issue of the Suspension Booklet contained 1,330 names. The last Booklet, dated December 15th, shows a marked increase with a total of 3,445 suspensions.

MOTOR VEHICLE BRANCH STATISTICS

THE VEHICLES AND HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT

LICENSES ISSUED

	<u>1948-49</u>	<u>1949-50</u>	<u>1950-51 (9 mos.)</u>
PASSENGER CARS	114,676	130,159	145,629
MOTORCYCLES	1,814	2,265	2,456
DEALERS PLATES	1,240	1,560	1,758
DRIVERS' LICENSES	204,045	231,549	256,040
TRANSFERS	23,400	27,676	23,505

MOTOR VEHICLE BRANCH STATISTICS

CONVICTIONS

1949-50 Fiscal Year 1950-51 (nine months)
V. H. T. A. SECTION 285 C.C.C. V.H.T.A. SECTION 285 C.C.C.

CALGARY	1,518	167	1,270	151
EDMONTON	2,090	250	1,253	222
LETHBRIDGE	327	15	234	234
MEDICINE HAT	142	1	115	14
ALL OTHERS	2,118	420	1,842	387

	<u>FISCAL YEAR</u> <u>1949-50</u>	<u>NINE MONTHS</u> <u>1950-51</u>
ACCIDENTS ALL CLASSES	6,606	5,780
ACCIDENTS WHERE DAMAGES EXCEED \$75.00	5,418	5,342
FATAL ACCIDENTS	94	80
PERSONAL INJURY ACCIDENTS	1,740	1,555
PERSONS KILLED IN FATAL ACCIDENTS	169	137
PERSONS INJURED IN MOTOR VEHICLES ACCIDENTS	2,521	2,323
CONVICTIONS UNDER 285 (4) (Intoxicated in charge of motor vehicle)	141	183
DRIVERS LICENSES SUSPENDED BY COURT ORDER	480	407
PERSONS REQUIRED TO FILE PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY	789	904
JUDGMENTS EXCEEDING \$100.00	45	49

THE ALBERTA INSURANCE ACT

The following tables showing the activities of the Insurance Branch for the calendar year 1950 have been compiled from the records in the Office of the Superintendent of Insurance. Data of licenses for the calendar year 1949 is supplied to serve as a basis for comparison.

	<u>Calendar Year</u>	
	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>
<u>Companies & Associations Licensed</u>		
Dominion Registered Companies	296	305
Alberta Companies	7	7
Extra-Provincial Companies	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>
TOTAL	312	321
<u>New Companies Admitted</u>	9	16
<u>Companies Withdrawn</u>	-	7
<u>Companies Merged</u>	-	3
<u>Agents Licensed</u>		
Resident	3,755	3,926
Non-Resident	<u>103</u>	<u>129</u>
TOTAL	3,863	4,055
<u>Adjusters Licensed</u>	77	90

REVENUE COLLECTED under THE ALBERTA INSURANCE ACT

	<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>1948-1949</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>1949-1950</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>1950-1951</u> (9 Months)
Companies License Fees	\$110,068.15	\$111,415.00	\$89,845.00
Agents License Fees	\$ 36,456.85	\$ 39,420.50	\$ 9,475.00

During the year 1950 many calls of assistance were made upon the Office of the Superintendent of Insurance in the adjustment of disputes between the insured and the insurer. The service rendered by the Branch in this connection consists of investigation of complaints by parties who may feel that they have been unfairly dealt with by insurance companies or by agents representing the companies. Through the services of the Branch disputes have been settled and members of the public saved expenses of litigation when insurance contracts were examined and it was indicated therein that there was no insurers' liability. This service is of great benefit to the public because of the complexity of insurance contracts and the fact that the average man on the street does not understand the contents of his policy of insurance.

Sixty-four written complaints were received and investigated by inspectors acting under the authority of The Alberta Insurance Act. Five charges were laid and four convictions obtained. Fines totalling \$265.00 and costs were levied.

The Thirty-third Annual Conference of the Superintendents of Insurance was held at Niagara Falls, Ontario, October 23rd to 27th, 1950, with Mr. J. A. MacPhee, Acting Superintendent of Insurance and Mr. K. A. McKenzie, Legislative Counsel in attendance, representing the Province of Alberta.

THE REAL ESTATE AGENTS' LICENSING ACT

During the 1950 calendar year 1,360 licenses were issued to Real Estate Agents and Real Estate Salesmen under the above Act.

Numerous complaints alleging infractions of the Act were handled by the Insurance Branch during the year 1950. These complaints, in the majority of cases, related to matters of misrepresentations on the part of insurance agents and salesmen arising out of the disposal of properties listed by clients with various realtors throughout the Province. While certain cases investigated were not altogether free from doubt, primary evidence obtainable was insufficient to justify entering prosecutions under the Act except in four instances, which resulted in three convictions being obtained, one charge withdrawn, and the assessment of fines aggregating \$100.00 and costs.

Investigations made by Inspectors of the Fire Commissioner's Office, under authority of this Statute, totalled 103 during the year 1950. Many complaints were also heard and summarily disposed of by senior employees in the office of the Branch.

During the year Advisory Boards, set up pursuant to section 6, subsection 4 of The Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act, held 11 meetings. At these meetings 14 applications were considered, 5 of which were granted and 9 refused.

REVENUE COLLECTED under THE REAL ESTATE AGENTS' LICENSING ACT

	<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>1948-1949</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>1949-1950</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>1950-1951</u> <u>(9 Months)</u>
Real Estate Agents' Licenses	\$6,819.50	\$7,415.50	\$7,752.00

THE MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT INDEMNITY ACT

This Statute, enacted April 1st, 1947, has as its primary purpose the protection against loss of victims of accidents caused through the operation of motor vehicles and is administered jointly by the Motor Vehicle Branch and the Insurance Branch. It provides for the suspension of the driver's license of any person involved in an accident resulting in bodily injury to or death of any person or resulting in damage to property exceeding \$75.00, the impoundment of motor vehicles in certain cases and the authority to reimburse, out of the Unsatisfied Judgment Fund, victims of motor vehicle accidents for medical and hospital expenses for injuries received through the operation of a motor vehicle by another person. The Fund was created and is continuously maintained as the result of a levy upon the owner of each motor vehicle registered in the province. In addition to the benefits heretofore mentioned, payments under this Statute are provided for the satisfaction of judgments obtained against motorists who have no other means of paying judgements for damage caused by the negligence of such motorists.

Work in connection with the administration of this Act has recently become so heavy, as the result of the increase in the number and size of the claims made against the Fund, that the Deputy Superintendent of Insurance is required to devote approximately one half of his time to administrative details in connection with this Act. Careful scrutiny must be given to all claims filed.

Claims that appear to be unreasonable or excessive must be carefully examined and in numerous cases defence entered by legal counsel, designated to act in behalf of the Superintendent of Insurance, so that the Fund may be protected from abuses which otherwise might arise.

At the end of the nine-month period extending from April 1st through December 31st, 1950, one hundred claims were handled with aggregate payments amounting to \$173,012.00, whereas the corresponding period of the year 1949 showed sum total payments of \$96,135.00 with an aggregate of sixty-nine claims handled. Payments from the Fund have increased for the nine-month period ending December 31st, 1950, by \$76,876.00 as compared with the same period of the previous year, a net increase of approximately eighty per cent.

Data relating to suspension of licenses, security deposited and payments made from the Unsatisfied Judgment Fund are as follows:-

<u>SUSPENSION OF LICENSES</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 1947- 48</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 1948 - 49</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 1949 - 50</u>	<u>Nine Months 1950 - 51</u>
Accidents with Personal Injury or damages in excess of \$25.00	5,253	6,980	_____	_____
Accidents with Personal Injury or damages in excess of \$75.00 (Act amended 1949)	_____	_____	5,418	5,342
Driver's and Chauffeur's Licenses Suspended	721	494	497	360
Driver's and Chauffeur's Licenses Reinstated	152	153	110	90
Driver's and Chauffeur's Licenses still under suspension	569	341	387	270
Motor Vehicles Impounded	_____	8	4	9
Motor Vehicles Released from Impoundment	_____	4	7	7

At December 31, 1950, there were 1,200 Driver's Licenses still under suspension and 3 motor vehicles still under impoundment by virtue of the Act.

THE MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT INDEMNITY ACT

Deposits Made by Driver's as Security
to satisfy Judgments & Disbursements
thereof pursuant to Statutory Requirements

	<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>1947 - 48</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>1948 - 49</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>1949 - 50</u>	<u>Nine Months</u> <u>1950 - 51</u>
Deposits	34	61	26	41
Amount Deposited	\$5,991.25	\$7,520.05	\$5,622.00	\$10,436.87
Deposits Paid Out	4	14	13	6
Amount of Deposits Paid Out	\$ 420.00	\$1,623.70	\$2,815.00	\$ 1,290.00

UNSATISFIED JUDGMENT FUND

Payments as a Result of
Unsatisfied Judgments

	<u>1947-48</u>	<u>1948-49</u>	<u>Year of Payment</u>		<u>Total</u>
			<u>1949-50</u>	<u>1950-51</u>	
Number of Claims	1	10	29	51	91
Amount paid on account of personal injury	\$3,256.24	\$28,468.61	\$66,400.00	\$90,214.63	\$188,339.48
Amount paid on account of Property Damage	_____	_____	\$ 4,698.14	\$15,025.96	\$ 19,724.10
Costs Paid	\$ 481.55	\$ 2,786.76	\$ 6,673.75	\$13,010.85	\$ 22,952.91
<u>Reimbursement of</u> <u>Hospital & Medical</u> <u>Expenses</u>					
Number of Claims Paid	3	24	59	49	135
Amount Paid for Hospital Expenses	\$ 301.75	\$ 3,083.75	\$12,489.56	\$ 9,734.32	\$ 25,609.38
Amount Paid for Medical Expenses	_____	\$ 1,689.75	\$ 4,302.35	\$ 6,618.45	\$ 12,610.55
Miscellaneous Payments	_____	\$ 99.57	\$15,156.50	\$38,408.22	\$ 53,664.29
Total	\$ 4,039.54	\$36,128.44	\$109,720.30	\$173,012.43	\$322,900.71

THE MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT INDEMNITY ACT

<u>Payments for Accidents</u>	<u>1947-48</u>	<u>1948-49</u>	<u>1949-50</u>	<u>1950-51</u>	<u>Total</u>
1945-46	\$ _____	\$ 5,363.53	\$ 1,631.02	\$ _____	\$ 6,994.55
1946-47	\$ _____	\$ 6,011.27	\$ 13,573.95	\$ 11,299.76	\$ 30,884.98
1947-48	\$4,039.54	\$22,480.35	\$ 38,205.00	\$ 8,596.07	\$ 73,320.96
1948-49	\$ _____	\$ 2,186.40	\$ 34,996.51	\$ 64,390.22	\$101,573.13
1949-50	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ 6,157.32	\$ 48,064.56	\$ 54,221.88
1950-51 (9 mos)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ 2,253.60	\$ 2,253.60
Miscellaneous	\$ _____	\$ 86.89	\$ 15,156.50	\$ 38,408.22	\$ 53,651.61
 TOTAL	 \$4,039.54	 \$36,128.44	 \$109,720.30	 \$173,012.43	 \$322,900.71

THE FIRE PREVENTION ACT

The comparison of fire losses for the years 1949 and 1950 is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Property Loss</u>	<u>Per Capita Loss</u>	<u>Loss of Life</u>	<u>Injuries</u>
1949	\$ 4,500,000.00	5.17	37	59
1950	\$ 4,328,110.00	4.83	31	55

Our losses have decreased in spite of the fact that the fire loss in one fire at Nordegg totalled \$1,000,000. The population for the province has increased to 895,000. Therefore, the per capita loss shows a decrease.

A comparison table for inspections for the years 1949 and 1950 is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Towns Inspected</u>	<u>Buildings Inspected</u>	<u>Orders</u>		<u>Written Recommendations</u>	<u>Special Inspections</u>
			<u>Written</u>	<u>Verbal</u>		
1949	307	---	1,266	1,010	-----	362
1950	469	770	943	1,293	1,163	553

During 1950 special inspections to take care of complaints increased greatly in number and the policy of submitting written reports of buildings inspected and orders to be remedied, left with Fire Chiefs for follow-up inspections, reduces the number of written orders and greatly increased the number of written recommendations.

Fire investigations conducted by Inspectors and reported to this office by provincial and municipal law enforcement bodies are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Fire Investigations</u>	<u>Incendiary and Suspected Incendiary</u>
1949	156	42
1950	108	30

This is a decrease in the number of investigations into fires and prosecutions entered, and convictions recorded in co-operation with other enforcement agencies resulted in a total of two convictions for arson.

A comparison of fire prevention education meetings shows the following:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Meetings Held</u>	<u>Number of Film Showings</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
1949	219	128	13,272
1950	258	128	16,062

The fire prevention education program has expanded during 1950 showing an increase in the number of meetings held and the attendance at such meetings. More and more time has been spent showing the correct use of fire extinguishers and the correct procedure for fire drills, particularly in schools, hospitals and government institutions. During the year a total of 224 fire drills were called and demonstrations of fire extinguishers totalled 148. Further activities of the office in the fire prevention education field includes the purchase of sufficient fire prevention education texts so that now 5,800 have been supplied to the Department of Education for distribution to every school in the Province. Four new fire prevention and fire department instruction films were purchased and during the year two special radio broadcasts were organized, one in co-operation with the National Film Board to feature the fire prevention film "Are You Safe At Home" and another special broadcast during fire prevention week dealing with fire protection and fire prevention organization throughout the province.

The work of the Fire Protection Instruction Unit operated by Inspector M. J. Bedard can be shown on the increase for the year by the following table:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Towns Visited</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>	<u>Drills Called</u>
1949	142	544	59
1950	183	736	96

The work accomplished by use of demonstration of equipment and special lectures on fire protection and specific recommendations as to the type of fire protection equipment suited to the needs of the particular town or village has resulted in strengthening of the fire defences. The services of an additional inspector was added to the Fire Protection Instruction Unit.

The importance of municipal fire department organization has been emphasized by requirements of civil defence. A survey of municipal fire protection equipment has been completed.

Fire Prevention Week was even more successful than the year preceding in that thirty-three cities, towns and villages completed reports on their activities.

There is a considerable increase in the work of the office checking plans and alterations to hotels, hospitals, and schools. It is estimated that seventy-five such plans and specifications were checked during the year 1950.

Special meetings attended by officials of this branch were as follows: Mr. E. R. Hughes as Fire Commissioner and Mr. A. E. Bridges, then Deputy Fire Commissioner, attended annual meetings of the Association of Canadian Fire Marshals and the Dominion Fire Prevention Association at Quebec, and Mr. A. E. Bridges represented the Province at the Alberta Provincial Fire Chiefs' Association meeting at Vermilion and also at the convention of Dominion Association of Fire Chiefs at Victoria, British Columbia. Mr. E. R. Hughes was promoted to Deputy Provincial Secretary and Mr. A. E. Bridges was appointed Fire Commissioner in October, 1950.

REVENUE COLLECTED under THE FIRE PREVENTION ACT

	<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>1948-1949</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>1949-1950</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u> Apr. 1, 1950 - Dec. 31, 1950.
Fire Prevention Tax	\$ 29,318.82	\$ 28,749.33	\$ 13,301.96

LIGHTNING ROD ACT

There were four lightning rod companies licensed to sell materials in the Province of Alberta during the year 1950. Agents for these companies licensed to install and sell lightning rod material numbered sixty-two.

Eight special inspections and investigations were made as a result of complaints concerning installations. There were no convictions for violations of the Act or Regulations.

REVENUE COLLECTED under THE LIGHTNING ROD ACT

	Fiscal Year <u>1948-1949</u>	Fiscal Year <u>1949-1950</u>	Nine Months Apr. 1, 1950 - Dec. 31, 1950.
Agents' Fees, Acts and Tax	\$ 566.08	\$ 1,140.73	\$ 523.50

THE FUEL OIL TAX ACT

FISCAL YEAR 1949 - 1950

Total sales of fuel oil for the fiscal year 1949 - 1950 are shown hereunder together with a comparison with total sales for the fiscal year 1948 - 1949.

Gallons sold at nine cents tax per gallon	109,386,480.12
Gallons sold (purple coloured) at one cent net tax	109,088,358.15
Gallons sold by permit at one cent net tax	479,432
Gallons sold (propane gas) at one cent net tax	1,772,375
 TOTAL SALES Fiscal Year 1949-1950	 220,726,645.27
TOTAL SALES Fiscal Year 1948-1949	189,073,810.75
 INCREASE Fiscal Year 1949-1950	 31,652,834.52

Total sales again show an increase being 31,652,834.52 gallons over that of the previous fiscal year, or an increase of approximately sixteen point seventy-four per centum (16.74%).

GALLONS SOLD at NINE CENTS per GALLON

There has been an increase in sales at this rate of tax of 18,820,663.57 gallons and is due to normal sales increase together with the fact that a greater number of motor vehicles are in operation in the Province.

GALLONS SOLD (PURPLE COLOURED) at ONE CENT NET TAX

Gallons sold at this rate of tax shows an increase of 11,596,937.46 gallons and is due to an up trend in agricultural operations and the greater use of industrial machinery.

GALLONS SOLD by PERMIT at ONE CENT NET TAX

The gallonage sold at this rate of tax shows an increase of 269,617 gallons. These sales consist mainly of Diesel Fuel in the operation of diesel driven locomotives. There is a steady increase in the use of this type of locomotive in this Province.

GALLONS SOLD (PROPANE GAS) at ONE CENT NET TAX

Propane gas sales at the above rate of tax shows an increase of 965,616.50 gallons. Propane gas is used mainly for heating purposes and the increase shown in sales of this type of fuel oil is due to a great extent to the larger use of heating appliances using propane gas in the Province.

NINE MONTHS - April 1, 1950 to December 31, 1950

Gallons sold at nine cents tax per gallon	96,995,798.49
Gallons sold (purple coloured at one cent net tax	100,466,015.50
Gallons sold by permit at one cent net tax	248,273
Gallons sold (propane gas) at one cent net tax	1,734,347
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TOTAL SALES - Nine Months	199,444,433.99
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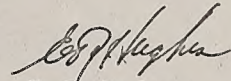
With January, February and March of the current fiscal year to be reported sales should be approximately another thirty million gallons.

Net Revenue for the Fiscal Year 1949-1950	\$ 10,365,296.89
Net Revenue for the Fiscal Year 1948-1949	8,577,567.06
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INCREASE Fiscal Year 1949-1950	\$ 1,787,729.83
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The increase in revenue of \$1,787,729.83 may be attributed to normal sales increase, increased motor vehicle registrations and to greater industrial and agricultural activity in the Province.

Net revenue for the nine months ended December 31, 1950 is \$ 9,201,114.26. It is expected that with three months to be reported net revenue for the fiscal year will be approximately \$ 11,000,000.00.

Respectfully submitted:



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